

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

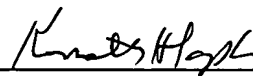
This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a National phase US application of a German language International application No. PCT/EP03/04032, including an English translation of the original PCT application and English translation of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report to the PCT/EP03/04032.

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants amend the claims as shown by the English translation of the International Application No. PCT/EP03/04032, incorporating amendments to claims as shown in the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report (English translation), and additionally amend the claims in order to avoid multiple dependency and to comply with the US PTO rules. In making these revisions care has been taken to ensure that the claims remain supported by the specification and that no new matter has been added.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,

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